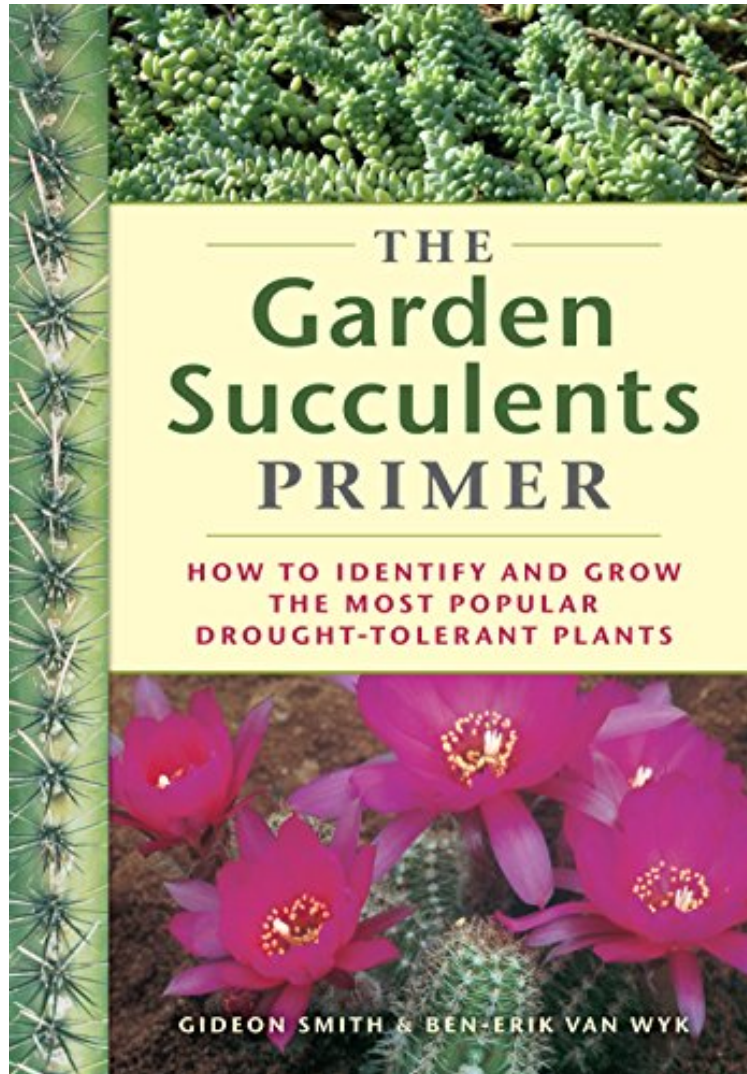


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Gideon Smith, Ben-Erik van Wyk : The Garden Succulents Primer before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Garden Succulents Primer:

7 of 7 people found the following review helpful. Misleading title, minimal description, non-optimum photos. By Customer I looked at this book for some time and I will be returning it as "misrepresented." The subtitle is: HOW TO IDENTIFY AND GROW THE MOST POPULAR DROUGHT-TOLERANT PLANTS. I will be returning this book because it is not good at how to identify plants. I will be returning this book because it is completely ignoring how to grow the plants it shows. HOW TO GROW. I cannot find even one horticultural tidbit about how to grow even one plant, not even any comment about cold hardiness. I thought maybe the how-to-grow part of the book was not in the

actual text, so I checked the appendices - not there either!TEXT. Speaking of text, the text is rarely more than one short paragraph. The only two exceptions of multiple-paragraph descriptions are bizarre entries for a book about "THE MOST POPULAR DROUGHT-TOLERANT PLANTS." I have never seen these "popular" plants - ever.

Misrepresentation again...IDENTIFICATION. Identification is tough or impossible for many plants. Two reasons: 1) Some plants do not have photos at all! like the *Lenophyllum pusillum* (sorry for the lack of italics). 2) Other photos show no foliage (only flower)in the image, making identification nigh on impossible unless the plant is flowering.I find it inexcusable that the author or editor chose not to include any photo for *L. pusillum* (sic) but instead duplicated a photo of *Kalanchoe tomentosa* (sic) that was almost the same photo as the first! Not only are they skimping on the promised information, they are condescending to us readers - like we couldn't get it the first time with the *K. tomentosa* (sic).I have seen other Timber Press books that are excellent. This one is not worth spending even \$.99 plus postage.I think somebody decided to take photos from Ben-Erik van Wyk and make a book somehow. This effort has failed miserably.1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Excellent book for the do it your self gardenerBy James ZiesslerExcellent book for the do it your self gardener. We like succulents and want to grow a lot of them in our backyard and patio, so this books gives us a lot of practical knowledge and tips.2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Great for a rapidly addicted beginnerBy jillerI found the primer to give very practical advice in a straight forward manner. It was well organized. It did not skip over or assume things that a beginner might not know.

Succulents and rock garden plants have become popular for their ease of cultivation, diversity of form, and striking colors. Their natural drought tolerance makes them especially useful for gardens in arid climates and water-conserving gardens. The Garden Succulents Primer is a user-friendly identification guide. It includes detailed descriptions of more than 400 well-known succulents and their close relatives that will allow readers to quickly determine the family to which a succulent belongs. Descriptions are supported with 450 color photographs that showcase each plant's distinctive shape and color. Also includes chapters on use, conservation, cultivation, and propagation.

[The authors] help to make sense of what sometimes seems an indigestible andcertainly to northern temperate gardenersalien group of plants.